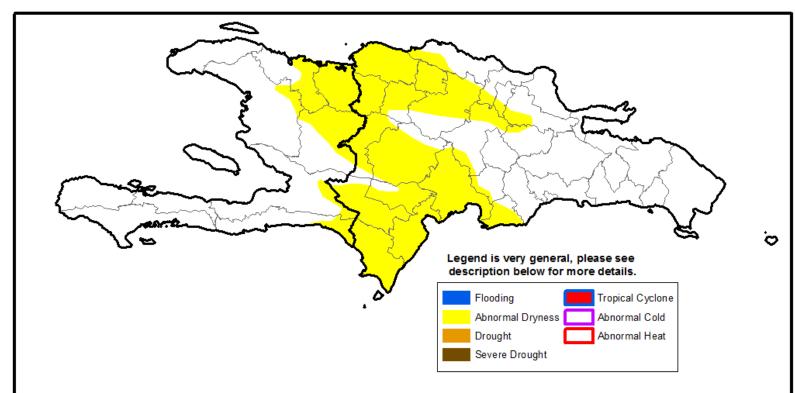


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook May 28 – June 3, 2015

• Widespread rains expected over Hispaniola during the next week.



During the past week, widespread moderate to heavy rains fell over Hispaniola. The heaviest (> 100 mm) rains were observed across the Centre department of Haiti and bordering western Dominican Republic, according to the TRMM estimates. This has contributed to reduce thirty-day negative rainfall anomalies and helped replenish soil moisture across most parts of the Island. However, large seasonal deficits have remained across Hispaniola due to poor rains since the beginning of April. Negative anomalies have ranged between 100 – 300 mm across much of Haiti and the Dominican Republic, with cumulative rainfall faring below 25 percent of the average along coastal areas of eastern and southern Dominican Republic and northwestern and southern Haiti. Recent vegetation indices have also indicated further deterioration of conditions over eastern Dominican Republic and many local areas of the Island. During the next week, widespread heavy rains are forecast over Hispaniola, particularly the southern parts of the Island. The forecast rainfall accumulation should help reduce seasonal deficits and benefit first season cropping activities over many local areas of the region.